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Senate

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The Senate met at 10 a.m., upon the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the Honorable MARK WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

God of our forebears, whose almighty hands lead forth in beauty all the starry bands. As Memorial Day approaches, we remember those who have made ultimate sacrifices for our freedom. Lord, pour Your richest blessings on our service men and women and the members of their families, surrounding them with Your shield of protection.

Teach us, Lord, this day through all our employments to see You working for the good of those who love You. Deliver our lawmakers from all dejection of spirit and free their hearts to give You zealous, active, and cheerful service. May they vigorously perform whatever You command, thankfully enduring whatever You have chosen for them to bear. Guard their desires so that they will not deviate from the path of integrity.

We pray in Your great name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable MARK WARNER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read as follows:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 28, 2010.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. WARNER thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following leader remarks, the Senate will be in a period of morning business, with Senators allowed to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

There will be no rollcall votes today. Our next vote will be a week from Monday at about 5:30. We will have a number of votes—we hope two or three, but at least we will have one.

We finished a difficult bill yesterday, the supplemental appropriations bill. It was tedious, but it was done very well. Senators INOUE and COCHRAN did an outstanding job. Members from both sides with strong feelings were able to compromise on a number of issues and allow us to finish this bill. The same thing happened—it took a little longer—on the Wall Street reform bill. Both of those pieces of legislation are now in conference.

We are going to await the action of the House before we can determine the direction of what we do with the extenders bill, the jobs bill. I will have some meetings during this coming week to determine how we will change

the bill we get from the House. I think the changes should not be major, but there will be some, and we have to work through that. I have spoken with the Republican leader, and we are going to have to have a number of amendments—not a large number, but we need to work through that, because the next work period is relatively short.

We don't have many speakers coming today, so the session should be relatively short.

I ask the Chair to announce morning business.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN ENROLLMENT OF H.R. 5128

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senator UDALL of New Mexico be authorized to sign the enrollment of H.R. 5128.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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